

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 58th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES

Call to Order: By **CHAIRMAN CINDY YOUNKIN**, on January 31, 2003 at 2:58 P.M., in Room 152 Capitol.

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rep. Cindy Younkin, Chairman (R)
Rep. Gail Gutsche, Vice Chairman (D)
Rep. Jim Peterson, Vice Chairman (R)
Rep. Debby Barrett (R)
Rep. Larry Cyr (D)
Rep. Sue Dickenson (D)
Rep. Ron Erickson (D)
Rep. George Everett (R)
Rep. Kim Gillan (D)
Rep. Christopher Harris (D)
Rep. Carol Lambert (R)
Rep. Michael Lange (R)
Rep. Rick Maedje (R)
Rep. Bruce Malcolm (R)
Rep. Brad Newman (D)
Rep. John (Jack) W. Ross (R)
Rep. Scott Sales (R)
Rep. Veronica Small-Eastman (D)

Members Excused: None.

Members Absent: None.

Staff Present: Kathleen Ely, Committee Secretary
Larry Mitchell, Legislative Branch

Please Note:

These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. A videotaped recording of the meeting is available from the Montana Historical Society.

Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: HB 326, 1/15/2003; HB 380,
1/31/2003

Executive Action: HB 326, DO PASS, 18-0

HEARING ON HB 326

Sponsor: REP. NEWMAN, HD 38, BUTTE

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

3:00 p.m. REP. NEWMAN

Proponents' Testimony:

3:05 p.m. Stan Bradshaw, Trout Unlimited

3:05 p.m. Holly Franz, Pacific Power and Light, Upper Clark Fork
River Steering Committee

3:06 p.m. Tom Ebzerg, Avista Corporation

3:06 p.m. Mike Murphy, Montana Water Resources Association

3:07 p.m. Jeff Hagener, Director, Department of Fish, Wildlife
and Parks

3:06 p.m. Larry Copenhaver, Montana Wildlife Federation

Opponents' Testimony: None.

Questions from Committee Members and Responses: None.

Closing by Sponsor:

3:07 p.m. REP. NEWMAN

HEARING ON HB 380

Sponsor: REP. LINDEEN, HD 7, HUNTLEY

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

3:09 p.m. REP. LINDEEN

EXHIBIT (nah21a01)

Proponents' Testimony:

EXHIBIT (nah21a02)

3:15 p.m. Don Hargrove, Gallatin County

3:17 p.m. Mark Fix, Rancher, Chair, Northern Plains Resource Council

EXHIBIT (nah21a03)

3:22 p.m. Dan Dutton

EXHIBIT (nah21a04)

3:25 p.m. Art Hayes

3:28 p.m. Sara Carlson, Montana Conservation Districts

3:30 p.m. Pat Mischel

EXHIBIT (nah21a05)

3:34 p.m. Steven Hoff, Buffalo Rapids Irrigation District

3:36 p.m. Larry Copenhaver, Montana Wildlife Federation, Montana Audubon Council

3:38 p.m. Charles Gephardt, TMI Irrigation District

EXHIBIT (nah21a06)

3:45 p.m. Brenda Lindlief Hall, Tongue River Water Users

3:47 p.m. Nick Golder, Rancher

3:49 p.m. Arleen Boyd, Stillwater Protective Association

3:55 p.m. Chris Christiaens, Montana Farmers Union

3:55 p.m. Jeff Mangan, Montana Environmental Information Center

3:56 p.m. Barbara Turner-Lantz

EXHIBIT (nah21a07)

3:57 p.m. John Hamilton, Tongue River Water Users Association

3:58 p.m. Kelly Hubbard

3:58 p.m. Michelle Reinhardt, Northern Plains Resource Council

EXHIBIT(nah21a08)

EXHIBIT(nah21a09)

3:58 p.m. Peter Michaelson, Rancher and Timber Operator

3:59 p.m. Janet McMillan

4:00 p.m. Susan McGrath

4:01 p.m. Nellie Israel, Beartooth Alliance

Opponents' Testimony:

4:02 p.m. Bruce Williams, Fidelity E & P

4:14 p.m. Jon Metropoulos, Fidelity E & P

4:22 p.m. Michael Kakuk, Western Environmental Trade Association

4:28 p.m. Russ Ritter, Montanans for Responsible Energy
Development

4:28 p.m. Charles Brooks, Billings Area Chamber of Commerce

4:31 p.m. Webb Brown, Montana Chamber of Commerce

4:32 p.m. Robin Dietrich, Nance Petroleum Company?

Informational Testimony:

4:35 p.m. Jim Mockler, Executive Director, Montana Coal Council
(Opponent)

4:36 p.m. James W. Bauder, Montana State University (Proponent)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

4:39 p.m. REP. HARRIS

4:39 p.m. Jon Metropoulos

4:42 p.m. REP. HARRIS

4:43 p.m. **Jon Metropoulos**

4:44 p.m. **REP. HARRIS**

4:44 p.m. **Charles Gephardt**

4:47 p.m. **REP. ERICKSON**

4:48 p.m. **James Bauder**

4:50 p.m. **REP. ROSS**

4:50 p.m. **Bruce Williams**

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4:52 p.m. **REP. MAEDJE**

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4:54 p.m. **REP. LANGE**

4:54 p.m. **Michael Kakuk**

4:55 p.m. **REP. GILLAN**

4:55 p.m. **REP. LINDEEN**

4:57 p.m. **James Bauder**

4:58 p.m. **Michael Reisner, Northern Plains Resource Council**

4:59 p.m. **REP. DICKENSON**

5:00 p.m. **REP. LINDEEN**

5:01 p.m. **REP. DICKENSON**

5:02 p.m. **Charles Gephardt**

5:04 p.m. **REP. DICKENSON**

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5:04 p.m. **CHAIRMAN YOUNKIN**
5:05 p.m. **REP. LINDEEN**
5:08 p.m. **CHAIRMAN YOUNKIN**
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5:09 p.m. **CHAIRMAN YOUNKIN**
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5:10 p.m. **CHAIRMAN YOUNKIN**
5:10 p.m. **REP. LINDEEN**
5:10 p.m. **Charles Reisner**
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5:12 p.m. **Charles Reisner**
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5:12 p.m. **REP. ERICKSON**
5:13 p.m. **Brenda Lindlief Hall**
5:15 p.m. **REP. ERICKSON**
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5:15 p.m. **REP. LAMBERT**
5:17 p.m. **Jon Metropoulos**
5:18 p.m. **REP. BARRETT**
5:18 p.m. **REP. LINDEEN**
5:18 p.m. **REP. BARRETT**

5:20 p.m. **REP. LINDEEN**

5:21 p.m. **Charlie Gephardt**

5:22 p.m. **CHAIRMAN YOUNKIN**

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5:24 p.m. **Jon Metrouopoulos**

5:24 p.m. **Bruce Williams**

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5:26 p.m. **Bonnie Lovelace, Department of Environmental Quality**

5:27 p.m. **CHAIRMAN YOUNKIN**

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5:28 p.m. **REP. MAEDJE**

5:29 p.m. **Bruce Williams**

5:31 p.m. **REP. MAEDJE**

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5:32 p.m. **REP. MALCOLM**

5:32 p.m. **Bruce Williams**

Closing by Sponsor:

5:34 p.m. **REP. LINDEEN**

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 326

Motion/Vote: 5:36 p.m. **REP. NEWMAN** moved that **HB 326 DO PASS.**
Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 5:37 P.M.

REP. CINDY YOUNKIN, Chairman

KATHLEEN ELY, Secretary

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EXHIBIT (nah21aad)